of Chhattisgarh and the matter was enquired by the Employment Guarantee Commissioner, Chhattisgarh. The inquiry report has been received from the State Government informing that the Collector, Kanker, has been removed and the concerned CEO, Zilla Panchayat has been suspended. The Chief Executive Officers of the Block Panchayats in which pesticides and fertilizers were purchased from NREGS funds, Deputy Director, Agriculture, who gave technical sanction by including "land treatment" under "land development" and one APO of the Zilla Panchayat have also been suspended. The State Government has also informed that the amount spent on purchase of pesticides and fertilizers in Kanker will not be charged under the NREGA and such expenditure will be booked under other agriculture schemes run by the State Government. The Ministry had also deputed a National Level Monitor to the district to conduct an inquiry. NLM has submitted his report which has been shared with the State Government. The Central Government had also requested the C&AG to conduct an audit in the district.

Wages not paid through bank/post office to rural labourers

†1378. SHRI MOTILAL VORA:
SHRI SATYAVRAT CHATURVEDI:

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that the rural labourers are not being paid through bank/post office as a result of which they do not get full wages;

(b) whether his Ministry had held discussions with the Minister of Finance and the Minister of Communications in this regard;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether any initiative has been taken in the matter at the level of Prime Minister's Office;

(e) if so, the details thereof; and

(f) the steps being taken by Government to ensure that the rural labourers get full benefit for their hard work?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI CHANDRA SEKHAR SAHU): (a) In order to ensure that the labourers get full wages for the work done by them, NREGA Guidelines provide that wages should be paid in a public place, with muster rolls being read out aloud and displayed at the time of payment. In case, wages are paid through the Bank/Post network, the details of wages paid should be made public. However, payment of wages through Banks/Post offices is not mandatory under the Act.

(b) to (f) Yes, Sir. Payment of wages under NREGA through workers accounts in post offices had been taken up with the Department of Posts. Department of Posts has requested all Heads of Circles to take prompt measures for operationalisation of the accounts of wage earners in the Post Offices. Ministry has issued instructions to State Governments for proper coordination with the Department of Posts. Department of Posts has advised their State Offices to cooperate with the State Government to enable early operationalisation of wage payment through NREGA workers accounts in post offices wherever possible and not to charge service charges.

Audit of remaining 138 districts under NREGS

1379. DR. ABHISHEK MANU SINGHVI:
SHRI VIJAY J. DARDA:

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(a) whether it is a fact that barely 3.2 per cent of the registered household could avail 100 days of employment in one year, between February, 2006 and March, 2007 and the average employment provided under National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme was 18 days instead of mandatory 100 days;

(b) if so, in this dismal state of affairs confined to only 513 Gram Panchayats in randomly selected 68 districts; and

(c) whether Government proposes to get similar audit reports for remaining 132 districts?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI CHANDRA SEKHAR SAHU): (a) and (b) Ministry of Rural Development requested CAG to undertake performance audit of the implementation of NREGA in phase I districts for the year 2006-07. Accordingly, CAG conducted audit in 68 districts of 26 States. CAG submitted its draft report on 17.12.2007 to the Ministry. The draft report has been examined in the Ministry and has also been shared with all the States. The States have given their responses to the observations made by CAG in the draft report. These have been sent to CAG. State responses are in the process of examination by CAG for finalisation of the performance audit report of NREGA. During the year 2006-07, 2.10 crore households were provided employment out of which 21.43 lakh households had completed 100 days of employment. The average number of days of employment provided to each household during 2006-07 was 43 days.

(c) No such proposal is under consideration of the Government.

Implementation of various rural development schemes in Rajasthan

1380. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL:
SHRI DARA SINGH:

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of Sampoorna Grameen Rozgar Yojana, Swarna Jayanti Grameen Rozgar Yojana, Indira Awaas Yojana and Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana being implemented in Rajasthan for upliftment of the State during the last three years;

(b) the success rate of each scheme in the State of Rajasthan; and

(c) the amount allocated/spent and balance left under each of the above mentioned schemes, till date?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI SURYAKANTA PATIL): (a) to (c) Sampoorna Grameen Rozgar Yojana (SGRY) is a wage employment programme being implemented in 20 districts of Rajasthan, where NREGA is not being implemented. The Programme will be subsumed in NREGA with effect from 1.4.2008. The Swarnajayanti Gram Swarozgar Yojana (SGSY) is one of the major ongoing self-employment programme. The objective of SGSY is to bring the assisted Swarozgaris above the poverty line by providing them income-generating assets through bank credit and Government subsidy. The Indira Awaas Yojana (IAY) provides assistance for construction/upgradation of dwelling units to the rural households living below the poverty line. The Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY) is a 100% Centrally Sponsored Scheme to provide all weather road connectivity to rural areas of the country. The programme envisages connecting all habitations with a population of 500 persons and above in plain areas and 250 persons and above in hill states, the tribal and desert areas. The total central allocation available funds, utilization and balance left under SGSY, SGRY, IAY and PMGSY during 2004-05, 2005-06, 2006-07 and 2007-08 (upto January, 2008) is enclosed as Statement.